



**KING COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 23, 2002

2:00-3:30 PM

Conference Room 6B, Exchange Building
821 2nd Ave., Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Roger Goodman (Co-Chair/KCASAAB)	Bob Shepherd (NAMI-SK)
Howard Miller (KCMHAB)	Mary Anderson (NAMI-SK)
Linda Brown (KCASAAB)	Sandy Klungness (NAMI-SK)
Jim Harbaugh (KCASAAB)	
Eleanor Owen (Co-Chair/KCMHAB)	
Bob Seidensticker (KCASAAB)	

Absent:

Pam Dietrick (KCASAAB)	Clifford Thurston (KCMHAB)
Mindy Meyring (KCMHAB)	Ron Sterling (KCMHAB)
Allice Howell (KCMHAB)	

Staff: Amnon Shoenfeld, Geoff Miller, Sherry Hamilton

I. Introductions/Announcements

Introductions and announcements were made. The folks from NAMI were welcomed and invited to participate in the meeting.

II. Review and Approval of August 28, 2002 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

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III. 2002 Action Plan – Legislative Advocacy and Outreach

- Updates: Outreach to legislators, community partners, stakeholders

It was noted by several individuals that four legislators had confirmed attending and that several candidates would commit to attend depending on the outcome of the election.

- Assignments/Next Steps – outreach and engagement

It was recommended that each committee member continue to make contacts with legislators about the forum asking them to attend.

Sherry agreed to send an email to the committee members detailing which legislative districts have KCMHAB and/or KCASAAB members, and which do not. Roger, Linda, and Howard agreed to make contacts with those legislators who do not have a board member in their district.

IV. Community Legislative Forum

- Legislative Forum Format

A draft agenda was developed after a lively discussion about the content and format of the Forum. (attached Agenda)

- Promoting the Legislative Forum

The forum this year is very important, and exceptional attendance is critical. Several ideas to promote attendance at the forum were suggested. It was noted that the draft of the “Community Legislative Forum Ticket” was done and ready for review and approval. The format was approved. Sherry noted that it would be widely distributed.

- Sherry Hamilton discussed the briefing book for the forum, handouts, letters to go to the legislators no later than November 7th.

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- A discussion of the structure of the Legislative Issues One page handout resulted in some minor changes.
- Bob noted that a human face needs to be part of the forum. This generated a discussion of how to best bring the human side of human services to the forum. Geoff suggested that a short PowerPoint presentation could provide both an overview of the mental health and substance abuse services, the clients we serve and the outcomes that we generate. It was agreed that this would become a part of the program.

V. Public Affairs Plan

- Discussion: Due to the lack of time to give justice to the Public Affairs plan and activities, it was postponed until the first meeting after the forum.

VI. Set Agenda for November 13, 2002 meeting, which will be held as follows:

November 13, 2002
4 PM to 5:30 PM
Conference Room 6A, Exchange Building
821 2nd Ave., Seattle, EA 98104

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